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DECLARATION OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED], hereby declare:

1. The matters set forth herein are based upon my own personal knowledge, except where stated to be based upon information and belief, and if called to testify, I could and would do so competently as follows:

2. I submit this declaration in support of efforts to keep my identity confidential.

3. I am sixteen (16) years old and one of the plaintiffs in this action. I have been identified as Jane Doe and my father has been identified as John Doe.

4. I was born in Guadalajara, Mexico in 1991. I moved to the United States to live here in California in 1994. I do not remember living in Mexico. I was raised here and started school here. I go to Richmond High School. To me, it is like I was born here. My life and my family's lives are here. My father works hard here.

5. I consider myself an American and intend to finish my education here and make my life as an adult in the United States. Even so, because I was born in Mexico, I am not a U.S. citizen.

6. I live with both my parents and my little brother. My parents are not citizens, but my little brother was born here so he is a citizen. My biggest fear about having my identity known in this lawsuit is that my family would get deported and be separated. I am a plaintiff in this case because I want to make the schools a better place for my little brother, my younger cousins, and for everyone. Everyone deserves to have a qualified teacher. Even though I am committed to improving the education in the United States for all students, I do not want my family to get hurt for something I am trying to do.

7. I am scared because I have heard and understand that people like my parents and me are being deported. I heard on the radio that the police were stopping people and getting people deported. I learned that my friend's neighbor had her parents taken away. Both the mom and dad were deported, and now the daughter is staying with her aunt without her family. They had to sell their house. The daughter's whole life changed in one night. Now she does not have her parents, and she barely has enough money to eat.

1 8. It is my understanding that the ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) police have
2 been in the area I live picking up people who are not citizens. My dad was afraid to go to work because
3 he was afraid he would be picked up. I am scared that if it were public information that my family and I
4 were not citizens the ICE police would come and take us to deport us.

5 9. I am very scared of something like this happening to my family. My parents came here to
6 have a better life, and they have worked very hard to provide that for my brother and me. Their example
7 and goals have made me want to participate in this lawsuit to improve the quality of teachers and the
8 schools. If my identity were revealed because of my participation in this important lawsuit, everything
9 my parents have worked so hard for could go down the drain, and our family could be torn apart.
10 Because my little brother is a citizen I am afraid that my mom, my dad, and I would be deported, but my
11 brother would be left here. This would destroy our family and everything for which my parents have
12 worked. I do not know what would happen to my little brother that I love so very much. I could not
13 imagine being separated from him.

14 10. I believe that the media is against people like me who are not considered citizens. The media
15 and the public point to us like we are criminals, but we are not. I think the media also tells us that
16 people that are not citizens do not have a right to speak. The media and the public say we should go
17 back to our country. I would like to speak on behalf of improving schools through this lawsuit, but I
18 would not want it to reveal my identity.

19 11. At my school, I have heard some students say that Mexicans should go back to their country.
20 It is hurtful, but it would be worse if they knew I was not a citizen because of this lawsuit. They would
21 say mean things not just about me, but about my family. I think other people in the community once
22 they heard about this lawsuit would also say we should go back to Mexico. I do not want terrible things
23 said about my family or to my family. I do not want us to be treated like criminals.

24 12. If I were deported to Mexico I do not know how I would survive. I want other students like
25 myself to have better opportunities and that is why I am a plaintiff, but I also am grateful for the
26 opportunities I have had here. My mother has been working since she was eleven years old, and my
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1 father was working two jobs at my age. In Mexico, I would not have time for school. I would work. I
2 feel lucky right now and I do not take what I have for granted. My parents raised me well to study and
3 work hard. That is what I am doing. But in Mexico I would not have the opportunities to succeed. For
4 these reasons I am asking to participate in this case with my identity protected.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: August 21, 2007

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